

As time passes, conditions are still steadily improving for our Task Force. This week we bid farewell to the Soldiers of B Company 2-227th Aviation Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division. These outstanding Soldiers return to Ft. Hood to recover from several disaster relief missions in a row (Katrina, Rita, and Lifeline). They depart with the knowledge of a job well done and some very well deserved time off coming their way.

As units depart, we have more living space which allows us to spread out and improve our quality of life. We have reduced from 20 people per tent to about 14, giving everyone more personal space. We are fortunate to have completed the hookup of tent heaters with the temperatures dropping at night,. Everybody is now more comfortable and warmer when getting out of the sleeping bag for the early morning work calls. The good thing about the cooler weather is that the mosquitoes have almost disappeared. We added another MWR tent that is hooked up with its own AFN Satellite and television. Since the installation, the receiver has been tuned to football which dedicates the original tent to the movie watchers. We had another Bazaar yesterday with a strong turn out. We also had a AAFES team in our area for several days. A postal team also stopped in our area and worked two days. They left with about 600 pounds of mail and we expect them to return again.

Captains Gonzales, Tway, Bolles, and Adams took over hosting the British Pub Quiz on Fridays. The quiz night builds camaraderie and continues to keep people up to date on current events. The highlight of the week was the barbeque sponsored by the Aussies. There was Kangaroo, Wombat Steaks, Emu tail sausages, and various other delicacies from Down under. It was actually all chicken, beef, and hotdogs; but the joke caused a lot of talk among some of the Soldiers. They also served potato salad, garlic bread, fruit salad with homemade whipped cream, and ice cream. The Qasim base commander, BG Tanveer, was our guest at the BBQ and enjoyed his evening with the troops. CSM Wallace challenged him into a Cricket game by downplaying our Soldiers' knowledge and experience in the game. The Aussies are working hard to get our troops ready for the match, so they don't have to carry the entire load.

Season Greetings from Task Force Eagle

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